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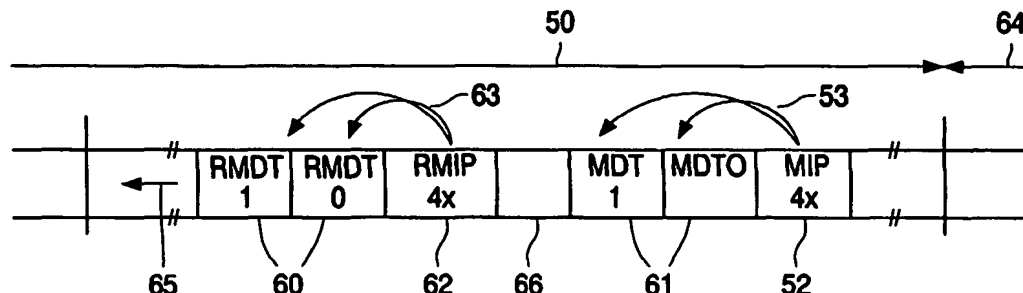
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**(54) Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR RECORDING INFORMATION**



**(57) Abstract:** A device records information in blocks having logical addresses at a physical address in a track on a record carrier. The logical addresses are translated into the physical addresses in dependence of defect management information (52,53,61,64), which includes defect entries indicating locations for replacing defective physical addresses. A read-only state of the record carrier is obtainable via a no-replacement state indicated by substantially none of the defect entries being free for use. The device has a read-only unit for setting the record carrier to the read-only state by reading original replacement information indicating a writable state, storing the original replacement information (60) in a hidden area, and writing defect management information (61) that is modified to the no-replacement state. The record carrier may be re-opened by retrieving the original replacement information (60) from the hidden area.

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